
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in December 2008, a
2 class action lawsuit was filed against the Hawaii public housing
3 authority alleging hazardous conditions and discriminatory
4 obstacles at Kuhio park terrace and Kuhio homes in Kalihi, two
5 of the largest and oldest public housing properties in the
6 state.

7 The legislature further finds that resolving these
8 deficiencies in a timely manner will be difficult unless the
9 Hawaii public housing authority is given more flexibility in
10 expending repair and maintenance funding to correct the health
11 and safety problems at Kuhio park terrace and Kuhio homes in
12 Kalihi.

13 The purpose of this Act is to provide a temporary exemption
14 from chapters 103 and 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the
15 Hawaii public housing authority in order to correct the health
16 and safety deficiencies at Kuhio park terrace and Kuhio homes in
17 Kalihi.

1 SECTION 2. (a) Chapter 356D, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
2 notwithstanding, the Hawaii public housing authority shall not
3 be subject to chapter 103 and 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and
4 any and all other requirements of law for competitive bidding
5 for contracts related the expenditure of state funds to
6 correcting the health, safety, habitability, and accommodations
7 for disabled resident deficiencies at Kuhio park terrace and
8 Kuhio homes in Kalihi; provided that the authority shall develop
9 internal policies and procedures for the procurement of goods,
10 services, planning, design, equipment, and construction,
11 consistent with the goals of public accountability and public
12 procurement practices.

13 (b) The authority shall submit annual reports to the
14 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
15 the regular sessions of 2010 through 2013 on the status of the
16 projects to correct the deficiencies at Kuhio park terrace and
17 Kuhio homes in Kalihi, pursuant to subsection (a).

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon approval, and
19 the exemption granted in section 2 of this Act shall be repealed
20 on June 30, 2012.

Report Title:

Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Temporary Procurement
Exemption; Kuhio Park Terrace and Kuhio Homes

Description:

Provides a temporary exemption for state funded contracts from
chapter 103 and 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the Hawaii
public housing authority in order to correct the health, safety,
and other deficiencies at Kuhio park terrace and Kuhio homes in
Kalihi. (SD1)